

REMARKS

Please reconsider the claims in the application in view of the remarks below.

In this reply, claims 2, 4, 19-20 and 23-24 are being canceled. Claims 3 and 5-10 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but is indicated as would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5-10 allowed.

Accordingly, claim 3 is being amended to include the elements of claim 2, its base claim.

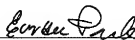
Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The final Office Action dated April 17, 2008 rejected claims 2, 4, 19-20 and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,523,168 ("Arnold"). Applicants are canceling claims 2, 4, 19-20 and 23-24. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the references cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a

telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,



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